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Item 8 : The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees.

Mr. Chairman,

Speaking for the first time, allow me to extend my Delegations's congratulation to you, Sir, upon your well-deserved unanimous election. Likewise, I would like to congratulate the other members of the Bureau upon their elections. My Delegation wishes to assure you and the distinguished members of the Sub-Commission of our fullest cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

The representative of Pax Romana spoke at the end of our meeting this morning about the so-called extra-legal killings or "mysterious killings" in Indonesia.

My Delegation would like to briefly make some clarification on the matter. It is true that in 1983 there were cases of mysterious deaths of publicly known criminals feared for their brutality and cold-bloodedness, although the figures mentioned by Pax Romana is completely exaggerated. However, it is completely wrong to infer or to conclude that the mysterious killings are condoned by the Government.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister assured the Foreign Minister of the Nehterlands on 4 January 1984 in Jakarta that "the mysterious killings are not the policy of the Government. Such killings are contrary to the State Philosophy, the Pancasila, the laws and regulations of Indonesia."

Indeed, Mr. Chairman, the rule of law is the fundamental principle on which Indonesia is based. Every individual is guaranteed due process of law. And in the intensified effort to combat crime, the Indonesian Government is determined to uphold those fundamental principles. Abuses by the law enforces, if proven, will not go unpunished.

Let me conclude by assuring the distinguished members of the Sub-Commission and the representative of Pax Romana that this year there is

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practically no more cases of mysterious death, and that the Indonesian Government is continuing its effort to solve the mysterious deaths in 1983.